

# ASARCO

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## Tacoma Plant

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July 18, 1985

Mr. A.R. Damnkoebler  
Air Pollution Control Officer  
Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency  
P.O. Box 9863  
Seattle, WA 98109

Dear Mr. Damnkoebler:

### Asbestos Removal

Enclosed is a notice regarding the intent of ASARCO to remove asbestos insulation from the outside of a steel crossover flue and riser near the Cottrell. This flue and riser are above the portion of the number two brick flue which collapsed on July 12, 1985. An evaluation of the area since the collapse indicates that the crossover flue is also in danger of collapsing and should be removed immediately. In order to begin this project, however, asbestos insulation must be removed.

Although it would normally be the intent of ASARCO to provide PSAPCA with a full ten day notification prior to removal of the asbestos, the special situation at hand necessitates immediate action. If the asbestos insulation is not removed immediately, dismantling of the crossover flue will be delayed. Further delay could increase the possibility of this flue collapsing within the next ten days. Collapse of the structure could not only endanger the safety of plant personnel, but could also result in the possible release of asbestos fibers to the ambient air. A collapse would also result in the commingling of asbestos materials with flue dust, brick, and wood remaining in the area. This could cause unnecessary asbestos exposure to employees handling such materials in the future.

Considering the risks described above, it is hoped that all parties agree that immediate removal of the asbestos, followed by dismantling of the flue is an essential course of action. Appropriate procedures will be followed in removing the asbestos, as outlined in the notice.

Yours truly,

C.E. Dungey  
Senior Environmental Scientist

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Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

PUGET SOUND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY  
200 West Mercer Street, Room 205, P.O. Box 9863  
Seattle, Washington 98109  
(206) 344-7330

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REMOVE ASBESTOS

CHECK APPLICABLE BOX: Renovation ☐ Demolition ☒

ADDRESS OF JOB SITE: N. 51st & Baltimore Streets Tacoma 98407  
Street City Zip

STARTING & COMPLETION DATES: July 19, 1985 July 23, 1985

ASBESTOS CONTRACTOR:

Business Name: Pacific Wrecking Corp. Lic. No: PACIFWC-1700

Mailing Address: 8425 First Ave. So. Seattle 98108  
Street City Zip

C.E.O./Owner: Ronald D. Allison Phone: 762-6415

Site Contact: Ed Elsher Phone: 756-0201

PROPERTY OWNER:

Business Name: Asarco Inc.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1677 Tacoma 98401  
Street City Zip

C.E.O./Owner: L.W. Lindquist, Manager Phone: 756-0201

Site Contact: C.E. Dungey / R.F. Sylvanus Phone: 756-0278 / 756-0250

ASBESTOS BEARING MATERIALS:

Asbestos insulation will be removed

Size, age & prior use of the facility: from steel crossover flue & riser to flue near the Cottrell. Flue size is about 70'x30' & riser is about 30'x20'. Insulation is about 25 yrs. old. Flue & riser used to convey gases from smelter to Cottrell.

Estimated quantity to be removed: 2700 ft<sup>2</sup>

Explain method used to make this estimate: Determined dimensions of flue and riser and calculated total ft<sup>2</sup>

Describe in detail your method of removal: Before stripping insulation from the duct, all materials will be adequately wetted with water to prevent possible air emissions. After wetting, materials will be cut and lowered in pieces, and placed immediately in plastic bags with appropriate warning labels

DISPOSAL SITE:

Landfill Name: Land Recovery Inc. Phone: 847-7555

Address: 17925 Meridian E. Puyallup 98373  
Street City Zip

Curtis E. Dungey  
Signature

July 17, 1985  
Date